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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Mountain View – YouTube Redirects Potential Terrorists to Anti-Terrorist Videos

(U) YouTube has begun redirecting online searches for violent extremist content and ISIS recruitment propaganda to other anti-terrorist videos. This follows an initiative, announced by YouTube and parent Alphabet, to combat online extremism content using an array of techniques. This strategy sends YouTube requests for certain keywords tied to violent extremism to a playlist of videos "debunking violent extremist recruiting narratives."

SOURCE: 20 July 2017, [USA Today](#)

(U) San Jose – Fentanyl Suspected in Inmate Overdose at Santa Clara County Jail

(U) The Santa Clara County Main Jail in San Jose was briefly placed on lockdown Wednesday after four inmates overdosed, possibly on the powerful synthetic opioid fentanyl, authorities said. Although the substance has not yet been confirmed, witness statements and treatment provided to the inmates suggest fentanyl was involved. It was not immediately clear how the inmates obtained the illicit drugs.

SOURCE: 20 July 2017, [SF Gate](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – AlphaBay, the Largest Online 'Dark Market,' Shut Down

(U) Washington – The Justice Department announced the seizure of the largest criminal marketplace on the Internet, AlphaBay, which operated for over two years on the dark web and was used to sell deadly illegal drugs, stolen and fraudulent identification documents and access devices, counterfeit goods, malware and other computer hacking tools, firearms, and toxic chemicals throughout the world.

SOURCE: 20 July 2017, [Justice.gov](#)

(U) Georgia – 35 Drones Spotted at GA Prisons Thus Far in 2017

(U) Forsyth – From 2013 through 2016, Georgia prison staff spotted a total of three drones flying overhead. In the first six months of this year, they've spotted 35 drones. Officers have recovered several drones along with the contraband attached. Typical packages include cell phones, chargers, and tobacco. But authorities fear drones could soon deliver packages with more dangerous items such as guns.

SOURCE: 19 July 2017, [Fox News](#)

(U) Hawaii – Hawaii to Announce North Korea Nuclear Attack Preparedness Plan

(U) Honolulu – The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency is kicking off an educational campaign aimed at helping residents and visitors figure out what to do if Honolulu is the target of a 15-kiloton nuclear missile attack from North Korea. Earlier this month, North Korea tested an ICBM missile, drawing condemnation from the US and other countries. Experts say an ICBM like the one North Korea launched, on July 4, 2017, could reach Alaska and possibly even Hawaii.

SOURCE: 20 July 2017, [Honolulu Star Advertiser](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Germany – ISIS Leader Charged with Terrorism Offenses

(U) Berlin – German prosecutors filed charges against the suspected leader of the Islamic State militant group (ISIS) in Germany and four of his associates Thursday. Abu Walaa was charged in connection with his alleged leadership of a jihadi recruitment ring believed to be linked to the truck attack on a Berlin Christmas market in 2016. A returning German ISIS fighter gave evidence to German authorities that implicated Walaa as the effective leader of ISIS in Germany, recruiting and radicalizing young German Muslims to fight for ISIS in Iraq and Syria.

SOURCE: 20 July 2017, [Newsweek](#)

(U) Mexico – Eight Gang Members Killed in Gun Battle in Southern Mexico City

(U) Mexico City – Mexican military forces killed a suspected gang leader and seven others in a shootout Thursday in southern Mexico City. Sixteen people were in custody on charges of sabotage and property damage related to the blockades, Mexico City's prosecutor's office said. The gang operated in the Tlahuac and Iztapalapa districts on the city's south and east sides, where it dealt drugs, and carried out kidnappings, extortion and murder, the Mexican Navy said.

SOURCE: 20 July 2017, [ABC News](#)

(U) Qatar – Qatar Issues Decree Amending Counter Terrorism Laws

(U) Doha – Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani has issued a decree amending some provisions of a law on "combating terrorism", the state news agency reported. The decree issued included definitions for the terms "terrorist", "crime", "terrorist acts", "terrorist entities", "the freezing of funds" and the "financing of terrorism." It also identifies procedures related to some "terrorist activities." The decree stated that individuals and entities accused of "terrorist" activities have the right to challenge charges lodged against them before the court. The amendment is effective immediately upon its publication in the government newsletter.

SOURCE: 20 July 2017, [Aljazeera](#)

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